



July 13, 2015

Reimbursement of Registration and Travel Expenses for Breastfeeding Training

Montana WIC submitted and received an Infrastructure Grant this year primarily for breastfeeding training and breastfeeding awareness. Two upcoming trainings that were included for reimbursement of registration and/or travel expenses are [Certified Lactation Counselor](#) (two times) and [Loving Support Training](#). Complete the application forms and submit to [Chris](#) or fax 406-444-0239.

State Ordered Formula Requests

This update on sending requests for state ordered formula is effective immediately. Please send all requests to cfogelman@mt.gov and lalittle@mt.gov. Chris and Lacy will determine who will complete the request or respond with questions depending on work schedules.

Soy Formula Update

Gerber Good Start Soy is available in powdered, concentrate and ready-to-feed. The 12.9 ounce can of powdered Gerber Good Start Soy reconstitutes to 90 ounces. The concentrate version is in a 12.1 ounce can and reconstitutes to 24.2 ounces. The ready-to-feed version is in a 4 pack of 8.45 ounce bottles. The concentrate and ready-to-feed will show the most difference in a void replace situation even for concentrate or ready-to-feed for another contract formula. A new version of the [void/reissue staff handout](#) is available. You may begin to issue October 2015 WIC benefits with Gerber Good Start Soy listed on them.

August 6 Local Agency Conference Call

There is a local agency conference call scheduled for August 6 at 9am. We will go over 2016 State Plan changes on this call and all available staff should attend. If someone is unable, it will be recorded to view at a later date. The call will probably take the full 2 hours. Look for the call-in information and agenda in a future newsletter.

Outreach Plans for 2016

Just a reminder, all outreach plans need to be submitted to the State WIC Office by September 1, 2015, to be implemented with the new fiscal year starting October 1, 2015. Outreach plans are required of all local agencies. Refer to Policy 4.9 of the State Plan 2015 for more information. Please submit the outreach plan via [email](#), mail, or fax.

Reports Available

[Benefits Issued & Redeemed Report May 2015](#)

[Breastfeeding & Peer Counselor Report June 2015](#)

[Participation Report June 2015](#)

CEU Opportunities

Attached is an article that has been approved for 2 WIC CEU's. The article is, [*Anthropometric indices and exclusive breastfeeding in the first six months of life: a comparison with reference standards NCHS, 1977 and WHO, 2006*](#). Remember that all local agency staff must have CEU requirements listed in the [Montana WIC State Plan](#) (Policy 4.6), submitted by September 30, 2015.

The 2015 National Maternal Nutrition Intensive Course will be offered live August 12-14, 2015, in Minneapolis, MN. It will have approximately 15 CEUs for RDs and WIC. In addition there is a video streaming option that is available September 14, 2015 to November 30, 2015, for approximately 11.75 CEUs for RDs and WIC. Individuals or groups can register for the video streaming. [More information](#) on registration, agenda, location, costs, hotels or video streaming is available. If you have questions or concerns please contact the State WIC Office.

Survey for Nutrition and Breastfeeding Materials -- Return by July 31st

A short list of nutrition and breastfeeding materials is being considered for purchase. If you already have an item and do not need more, that is fine. We do not want to over purchase. Please complete the [short survey](#) and return to [Chris](#) or fax to 406-444-5285 **by July 31, 2015**. If you have any questions, let Chris know.

National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Spanish Website

The Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development has added a [Spanish-language website](#) to provide free information for consumers on health topics such as maternal and infant care, obesity, safe sleep, and pregnancy. Local agencies with Spanish speaking participants may find it helpful to refer their participants to it.

Time Study Reminder

Please remember to fill out your time studies for July. If you have any questions about how to access time study or how it works, please contact the helpdesk.

I.T. Pop Quiz

During a certification, besides the red check marks, where can you look to see what is left to be done to complete the certification?

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